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Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A method for selecting a core network for a communication device comprising the steps of:
  - receiving at least one public land mobile network identifier (PLMNid);
  - selecting a PLMNid to form a selected public land mobile network identifier;
  - setting an indicator to indicate whether a substitute public land mobile network is allowed;
  - determining whether the selected public land mobile network identifier corresponds to a shared network;
  - forming a registration request message containing the selected public land mobile network identifier;
  - including the indicator in the registration request message, if the selected public land mobile network identifier corresponds to a shared network; and
  - transmitting the registration request message.
2. (canceled)

3. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the step of selecting includes the communication device automatically choosing the selected public land mobile network identifier according to the following priority levels:

- (1) registered public land mobile network,
- (2) home public land mobile network,
- (3) user-controlled list of public land mobile networks,
- (4) operator-controlled list of public land mobile networks,
- (5) public land mobile networks with sufficient received signal quality in random order, and
- (6) other public land mobile networks in order of received signal quality.

4. (previously presented) A method according to claim 3 wherein the step of setting indicates that a substitute public land mobile network is allowed when the selected public land mobile network identifier is selected at priority level (5).

5. (previously presented) A method according to claim 3 wherein the step of setting indicates that a substitute public land mobile network is allowed when the selected public land mobile network identifier is selected at priority level (6).

6. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the step of selecting includes the communication device presenting the at least one PLMNid to a user according to the following priority levels:

- (1) registered public land mobile network,
- (2) home public land mobile network,
- (3) user-controlled list of public land mobile networks,
- (4) operator-controlled list of public land mobile networks,
- (5) public land mobile networks with sufficient received signal quality in random order, and
- (6) other public land mobile networks in order of received signal quality.

7. (previously presented) A method according to claim 6 wherein the step of selecting further includes:  
receiving a selected public land mobile network identifier from the user.

8. (previously presented) A method according to claim 6 wherein the step of setting comprises:  
setting the indicator to indicate that a substitute public land mobile network is disallowed.

9. (previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the step of setting comprises:  
setting the indicator to indicate that a substitute public land mobile network is disallowed.

1 10. (previously presented) A method for selecting a public land mobile network for a  
2 communication device comprising the steps of:

3 receiving a registration request message;

4 extracting a selected public land mobile network identifier from the registration  
5 request message; and

6 determining if the registration request message includes an indicator indicating  
7 whether a substitute public land mobile network is allowed.

1 11. (previously presented) A method according to claim 10 further comprising the  
2 steps of:

3 determining a substitute public land mobile network, if the indicator indicates  
4 that a substitute public land mobile network is allowed; and

5 forwarding the registration request message to the substitute public land mobile  
6 network.

1 12. (previously presented) A method according to claim 10 wherein the substitute  
2 public land mobile network shares radio access resources with a core network indicated  
3 by the selected core network identifier.

1 13. (previously presented) A method according to claim 10 wherein the substitute  
2 public land mobile network is a co public land mobile re network indicated by the  
3 selected public land mobile network identifier.

1 14. (previously presented) A method according to claim 10 wherein the substitute  
2 public land mobile network is not a public land mobile network indicated by the  
3 selected public land mobile network identifier.

1 15. (previously presented) A method according to claim 10 further comprising the  
2 step of:

3 forwarding the registration request message to a public land mobile network  
4 identified by the selected public land mobile network identifier, if the indicator  
5 indicates that a substitute public land mobile network is not allowed.

1 16. (previously presented) A method according to claim 10 further comprising the  
2 step of:

3 forwarding the registration request message to a public land mobile network  
4 identified by the selected public land mobile network identifier, if the registration  
5 request message does not include an indicator.

1 17. (original) A method for selecting a public land mobile network (PLMN) for user  
2 equipment (UE) comprising the steps of:

3 receiving at least one PLMN identifier (PLMNid);  
4 selecting a PLMNid to form a selected PLMNid;  
5 setting an indicator to indicate whether a substitute PLMN is allowed;  
6 determining whether the selected PLMNid corresponds to a shared radio access  
7 network (RAN);

8 forming a registration request message with the selected PLMNid;  
9 including the indicator in the registration request message, if the selected  
10 PLMNid corresponds to a shared RAN; and  
11 transmitting the registration request message from the UE.

1 18. (original) The method according to claim 17 wherein the step of setting  
2 comprises:

3 setting the indicator to indicate that a substitute PLMN is disallowed when the  
4 UE is in manual network selection mode.

- 1 19. (original) The method according to claim 17 wherein the step of setting  
2 comprises:  
3 setting the indicator to indicate that a substitute PLMN is disallowed when the  
4 UE automatically selects a PLMNid that corresponds to a registered PLMN (RPLMN) of  
5 the UE, a home PLMN (HPLMN) of the UE, a PLMN on a user-controlled list of  
6 PLMNs, or a PLMN on an operator-controlled list of PLMNs.
- 1 20. (original) A method according to claim 17 further comprising the steps of:  
2 receiving the registration request message at a radio access network (RAN);  
3 extracting the selected PLMNid from the registration request message; and  
4 determining if the registration request message includes the indicator.
- 1 21. (original) The method according to claim 20 further comprising the steps of:  
2 determining a substitute PLMN, if the indicator indicates that a substitute PLMN  
3 is allowed; and  
4 forwarding the registration request message to the substitute PLMN.
- 1 22. (original) The method according to claim 21 wherein the substitute PLMN shares  
2 radio access resources with a PLMN indicated by the selected PLMNid.

23. (previously presented) A method for selecting a public land mobile network for a communication device comprising the steps of:

receiving at least one public land mobile network identifier;

selecting a public land mobile network identifier to form a selected public land mobile network identifier;

setting an indicator to indicate whether a substitute public land mobile network is allowed;

forming a registration request message containing the selected public land mobile network identifier;

including the indicator in the registration request message; and

transmitting the registration request message.

24. (previously presented) A method according to claim 6 wherein the priority level (3) user-controlled list of public land mobile networks is presented in priority order.